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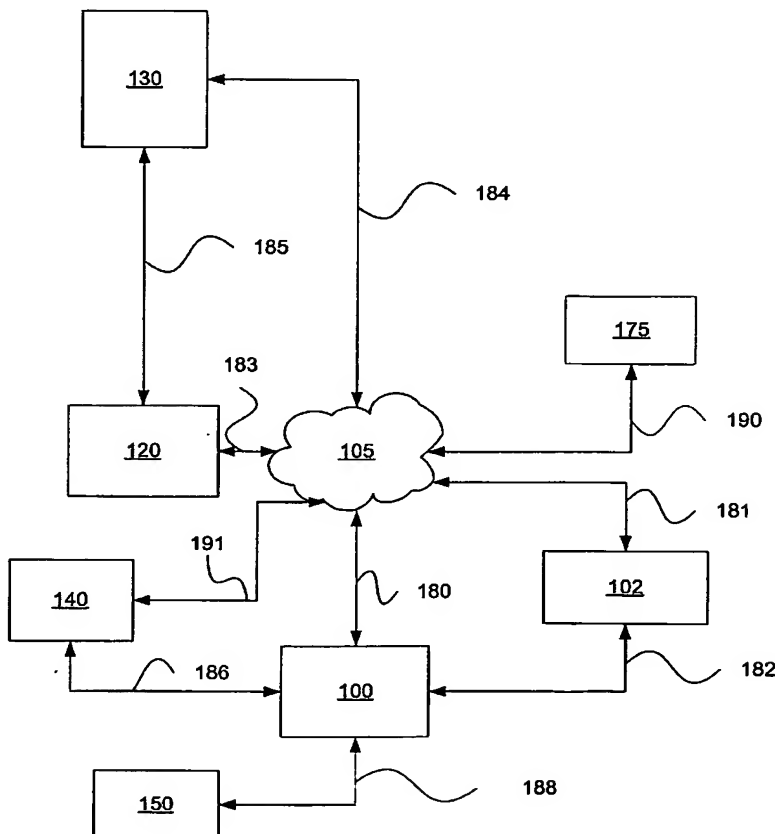
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(54) Title: METHOD APPARATUS AND COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR MANAGING PURCHASES



(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to an apparatus and a method for managing and auditing purchases in progress which are made by a number of individuals belonging to a liable organisation, such as employees making purchases in parallel on behalf of a company. The invention comprises a managing server, including a storage means and issuing means, a client terminal connected to a network for providing information to the storage means about purchasing rules for individuals purchasing on behalf of their organisation. The issuing means is adapted to generate a unique number, the number being issued and distributed to a purchasing individual, in dependence on the purchasing rules and a first communication terminal operated by a provider is adapted to, in response to a purchase, provide information to the managing server relating to a purchase in progress. Moreover, the invention is characterised in that the server is adapted examine whether information provided is in accordance with the purchasing rules, as a result of which a notification is sent to the first communication terminal so as to validate the purchase.



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